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SUBJECT: BALUCHISTAN ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED OCTOBER 1 AFTER THREE
SITTINGS.

REF: KARACHI 2056

1. OPENING SESSION OF ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 28 ATTENDED BY 10
GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS, AND 2 NAP MPA'S--SPEAKER BAROZAI AND
REINSTATED SHER ALI KHAN (REFTEL). AT SECOND SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, FOUR NON-GOVERNMENT MPA'S ABSENT AT OPEN-
ING SESSION--DEPUTY SPEAKER SHAMSUDDIN (JUI), AHMAD
NAWAZ BUGTI (NAP), DOST MOHAMMAD KHAN (NAP), AND
LADY MEMBER ALIANI-- WERE SWORN IN. FOLLOWING SWEARING
IN NAP MEMBERS, THE SPEAKER AND JUI DEPUTY SPEAKER
SHAMSUDDIN AND LADY MEMBER, WALKED OUT AND STAYED OUT.
ONLY NON-JAILED NAP MPA WHO FAILED TO BE SWORN IN WAS
THE MISSING ABDUR REHMAN. IN ABSENCE OF SPEAKER MPA
ACHAKZAI OF PUSTHUNKHAWA NAP PRESIDED OVER SESSIONS.
AFTER 40 MINUTES SESSION MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, ASSEMBLY
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ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

2. REPORTS OF SESSION'S LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY CLEAR, BUT IT APPEARS A BILL ABOLISHING SHISHAK (TRADITIONAL 1/6 TAX PAID BY CULTIVATORS TO LAND OWNERS, I.E. SARDARS) AND SEVERAL PARTICULARISTIC LAW AND ORDER MEASURES APPLICABLE TO QUETTA WERE PASSED. IN ADDITION TWO ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES, ONE DEALING WITH ADMINISTRATION OF NON-GAZETTED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' BENEVOLENT FUNDS, AND THE REPEAL OF A DEVELOPMENT FUND CESS (TAX) WERE PASSED INTO LAW.

3. COMMENT: THE ABOLITION OF SHISHAK TAX AND ONE OF THE LAW AND ORDER MEASURES HAD INITIALLY BEEN PROMULGATED AS ORDINANCES LAST MARCH AND RAN THE RISK OF LAPSE IF THEY WERE NOT APPROVED BY THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THEIR PROMULGATION.
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